



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 8, 1998

H.R. 2742 **California Indian Land Transfer Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 20, 1998

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2742 would affect direct spending by resulting in a small loss in offsetting receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the bill. However, we estimate that the effect on offsetting receipts would be negligible.

H.R. 2742 would transfer a total of 3,526 acres of federal land in California into trust for various Indian tribes. The bill would terminate grazing privileges two years after its enactment. At that time, tribes would be able to renegotiate the grazing permits. The bill stipulates that all receipts collected from use of the land after enactment be made available to the tribes. Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that the loss to the federal government of existing grazing receipts would be less than \$50 annually. There are no other receipt-generating activities associated with the land, and the agency has no plan to sell the land. Any discretionary costs associated with the transfer of the land would be minimal.

H.R. 2742 would impose no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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